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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Chiaki HAMADA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3683

Application No.: 10/815,794

Examiner: M. BURCH

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Docket No.: 119334

For: VEHICLE BRAKING CONTROL DEVICE FOR BRAKING FORCE DISTRIBUTION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the December 12, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection and objection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claim 6 is objected to. In particular, the phrase "the wheels" is suggested to be rewritten as "the front wheels." This objection is respectfully traversed.

Recitation of "the wheels" is correct. During auxiliary braking control, total braking force acting on the wheels (all of the wheels) is increased as discussed in Applicants' Substitute Specification paragraphs [0012] - [0014]. That is, the total amount of braking applied to the wheels during this mode is more than the driver input requests. Thus, even though the amount that is achievable at the rear wheels is restricted, a corresponding increase amount is applied to the front wheels so that "the wheels" during auxiliary braking control have an increase in total braking force. Claim 6 is thus concise and definite and fully supported by the specification. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.